

Foxes Newsletter

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Friday 5th September 2025

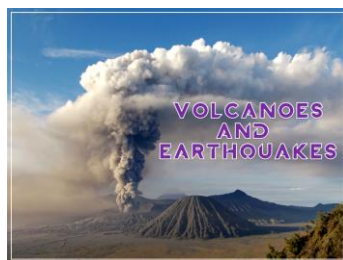
Term One

Dear Parents,

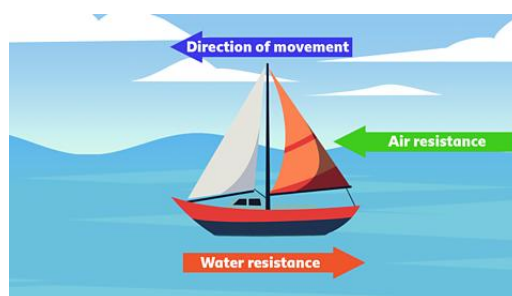
Welcome back for the start of a new school year; I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The children have all had a positive start to the term and have calmly settled into the routines and expectations of Year 5.

Our Topics

This term, our humanities topic will be 'Awesome Earth'. During this topic work, pupils will learn about the power of nature. They will learn about how volcanoes and earthquakes and will use maps to locate the parts of the world which form the 'ring of fire'. They will investigate the ways in which natural disasters have destroyed environments and impacted communities and will go on to look at how human activity can affect the world we live in. They will look at a range of environmental issues and natural disasters, the impact these have on the people living in the areas, and how people survive when natural disasters strike.



Our science work this term focuses on forces such as gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. Pupils will explore falling objects and raise questions about the effects of air resistance. They will explore the effects of friction on movement and find out how it slows or stops moving objects, for example, by observing the effects of a brake on a bicycle wheel. Pupils will also learn about levers, pulleys, and gears and explore their effects. This will link into our future design technology work.



Spellings and TT Rockstars

In year 5, we continue to use Spelling Shed as our spelling programme. New spellings will be given every Monday and tested the following Monday. A list of the spelling rules/patterns which we will study during the year, along with exemplar words, will be available on the class page of the school website for your information. You will also find the weekly Spelling Shed homework as well as year 3/4 and 5/6 statutory spelling word lists on our class page. The first set of words, and accompanying homework, will be given out on Monday 8th September with the first spelling test taking place on Monday 15th September.

All children are encouraged to continue strengthening the speed and accuracy of their times tables knowledge using TT Rockstars.



Reading

In Year 5, we continue to use the Accelerated Reading programme. All children have retaken their STAR assessments this week and will have a sticker in their reading record showing their updated ZPD.

Please use the following link to sign up for email notifications for Home Connect. You will then receive an email each time your child complete a quiz in school. You will also be able to find out how they are doing with their termly reading targets.

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=6706259>

We have an accelerated reading session each day in class, so please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record into school every day.



P.E

Our PE lesson will take place each week on **Thursday**. If the need arises to change the PE day at any point during the year due to other events taking place, you will be notified in advance. Please ensure your child wears suitable P.E kit on this day. In line with the policy, small stud earrings may be worn in school but must be removed for PE lessons. It is always helpful for children to have a small purse, envelope or box to put their earrings in if they are going to remove them. This helps to keep them safe in their tray or locker. Long hair should be tied back for PE lessons.

Meet the Teacher – Friday 5th September

Our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting takes place on Friday 5th September. The aim of this meeting is to give you an overview of what your child will be learning in Year 5 and to help you become familiar with the routines and expectations for the year. If you are unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation and any accompanying resources shared during the meeting will be made available to you on the class page of the school website once the meeting has taken place.

The class page can be found at <https://www.higham.kent.sch.uk/foxes-year-5>

Many Thanks,

Miss Davey